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Command & Location: NAVSEA - NAVSEASYSKOM

Grade: NH-IV (GS-15 equivalent)

Job Type: **Ships Deputy Section Head**

The Navy and Marine Corps team offers innovative, exciting and meaningful work linking military and civilian talents to achieve our mission and safeguard our freedoms. The Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel has been serving the Department since 1941 and is committed to developing innovative legal solutions to the business and other challenges facing the Navy and Marine Corps to enhance the war fighting capability of the Naval Service. You will find our attorneys stationed across the United States and worldwide, working with Navy and Marine Corps personnel wherever the Department's business is conducted.

There is an anticipated vacancy for a senior attorney to serve as Deputy Section Head for the Ships Section within the Office of Counsel, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA). The position is located at NAVSEA Headquarters at the Washington Navy Yard, 1333 Isaac Hull Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

NAVSEA is responsible for the development, acquisition, and maintenance of all U.S. Navy ships and shipboard systems and ordnance for the Department, with an annual budget of approximately \$35 billion and an enterprise-wide workforce of more than 83,000 military and civilians. The NAVSEA Office of Counsel includes over 150 lawyers located at the Washington Navy Yard Headquarters and in 22 field offices throughout the United States. They provide clients with a full range of legal services in the practice areas assigned to DON OGC, including acquisition law, civilian personnel law, labor law, environmental and occupational safety & health (OSH) law, intellectual property law, ethics and standards of conduct, fiscal law, and associated litigation in various forums.

The Ships Deputy Section Head directly supervises a staff of 8 attorneys plus one reemployed annuitant and also serves as the legal advisor to the Program Executive Officer (PEO) Ships, PEO Aircraft Carriers, PEO Submarines, and PEO Columbia as well as shared responsibility for PEO Unmanned and Small Combatants (USC). The Ships Section is responsible for providing legal advice to officials within NAVSEA and its affiliated PEOs regarding all matters pertaining to the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of U.S. Navy warships, auxiliary vessels and small boats and craft, as well as the acquisition of complex services, certain international acquisitions, and related fiscal law matters. The subjects of these procurements range from complex, high visibility ACAT I programs to more streamlined acquisitions. The Ships Deputy Section Head may be called upon not only to supervise the work of other attorneys but also to provide legal advice on all acquisition law matters to include milestone decisions for major defense systems and other acquisition programs at any level, matters of congressional or secretarial interest, legislation, source selections, protests, and industry inquiries. The Ships Deputy Section Head often coordinates with attorneys in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research,

Development and Acquisition), the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management & Comptroller), and the Office of Legislative Affairs, as well as with other systems commands and NAVSEA field activities, concerning matters of mutual interest. As such, the Ships Deputy Section Head must be conversant with all issues within the section.

Applicants must have at least five-and-a-half years of recent, substantial, acquisition law experience to be considered for this position. Applicants will be evaluated on (1) the depth, breadth, and quality of experience in acquisition law, with particular emphasis on major systems acquisition and the practice of defending bid protests, (2) their ability to lead and manage attorneys, (3) excellence in legal analysis, research, and communication skills, to include both written and oral legal advice, and (4) interpersonal skills, including their ability to establish effective attorney-client relationships and to work effectively with other attorneys. An ability to handle, concurrently, multiple and sensitive issues posed by clients, supervisors, and OGC colleagues on a quick turn-around basis is highly desirable, as are in-depth knowledge, understanding, or experience with the DON, NAVSEA, and OGC. Experience in other OGC practice areas, particularly fiscal law, is a plus. Applicants with a record of making significant contributions to the advancement of the DON OGC or equivalent office of the general counsel or law firm beyond the day to day legal practice are desired.

To be eligible for selection, incumbent must have graduated from a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association, be an active member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a State, U.S. Commonwealth, U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia, and be admitted to practice before a state or federal court, be a U.S. citizen and be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret security clearance.

The position will be filled at the NH-IV (GS-15 equivalent) level in the Department of Defense Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project (AcqDemo). To be eligible for selection as an NH-IV (GS-15 equivalent), applicants must have five-and-a-half years of professional legal experience.

Interested attorneys are encouraged to contact Mr. Alex Marin at 202-781-3437 or by email at alex.marin@navy.mil for more information.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, two recent, relevant legal writing samples that demonstrate analytical and/or advocacy abilities (no more than 15 pages each; portions of longer work products are acceptable); the two most recent performance appraisals, if available; and the names and telephone numbers of at least three references who may be contacted. Electronic submissions are preferred and should be sent to Mr. Alex Marin at: nssc_navsea_ogc_vaca@navy.mil. Please include the personnel notice number in the subject line of the email and note that the above address contains the following underscores: nssc_navsea_ogc_vaca. If necessary, applications may be mailed via Fed Ex to:

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This personnel notice will close on August 28, 2020 at 11:59:59 PM, (EST) and applications must be received by this time to be considered.

If the successful applicant is not currently a member of the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel, processing of the hiring action can only commence after submission of those items identified in the "Instructions for New OGC Attorneys" (see Careers section of www.ogc.navy.mil).

NOTICE OF VETERANS' PREFERENCE

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel considers veterans' preference eligibility a positive factor for attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty") to their submissions.

Although the point-preference system is not used, applicants eligible to claim a 10-point preference must submit a Standard Form (SF) 15, "Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference," and supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed. (SF-15, which lists the types of 10-point preference and the required supporting documents, is available from the Office of Personnel Management Website at www.opm.gov.)

Not all veterans are preference eligible. For a summary of time periods, campaigns, and conditions that entitle an applicant to preference eligibility, please visit <https://www.fedshirevets.gov/index.aspx>, <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/veterans>, and see the Veterans' Preference Advisor, operated by the Department of Labor at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/vetpref/vetspref.htm>.

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Reasonable Accommodation Links:

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/disability-employment/reasonable-accommodations/>

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/disability-employment/hiring/#url=Schedule-A-Hiring-Authority>

Legal and Regulatory Guidance Links:

Financial suitability Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/fair-and-transparent/financial-suitability/>

Social security number request Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/fair-and-transparent/social-security-number/>

Privacy Act Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/fair-and-transparent/privacy-act/>

Signature and false statements Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/fair-and-transparent/signature-false-statements/>

Selective Service Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/fair-and-transparent/selective-service/>

New employee probationary period Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/fair-and-transparent/probationary-period/>

Relocation expenses are not available.